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SUBJ: LTBT/PNE NEGOTIATIONS: LTBT COMPLIANCE

LTBT/PNE DELEGATION MESSAGE NO. 76

1. REFERENCE MOSCOW 10226, FORMAL SOVIET STATEMENT BY IZRAEL ON LTBT COMPLIANCE. TO ASSURE THAT SOVIETS HAVE NO BASIS FOR MISUNDERSTANDING OR FOR CONCLUDING THAT US SILENCE AMOUNTS TO ACQUIESCENCE IN USSR CONCLUSION AS CONTAINED IN IZRAEL PRESENTATION, DELEGATION CONSIDERS IT IMPORTANT TO COMMENT QUICKLY ON THAT STATEMENT- REAFFIRMING US POSITION.

2. DELEGATION WAS PREPARED TO MAKE STATEMENT IN RESPONSE TO IZRAEL AT RESTRICTED MEETING AFTER PLENARY JULY 24 IF CIRCUMSTANCES SEEMED RIGHT; HOWEVER, THIS WAS NOT DONE. (MOROKHOV MADE STATEMENT ON GENERAL SOVIET PROPOSITION FOR AGREEMENT ELEMENTS. SEE MOSCOW 10355.)

3. DELEGATION NOW PLANS TO DELIVER RESPONSE TO SOVIET LTBT COMPLIANCE STATEMENT IN RESTRICTED MEETING AT LATER THAN MONDAY MORNING, JULY 28.

4. THIS RESPONSE WILL:

(A) REFER TO PRIMARY US QUESTION ABOUT LTBT COMPLIANCE (REFERENCE STATE 138355, PARA 2);

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(B) RECITE ESSENCE OF OUR UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT

IZRAEL SAID ABOUT PROPAGATION OF RADIOACTIVE PRODUCTS
FROM EXCAVATION;

(C) EXPRESS VIEW THAT IZRAEL'S TECHNICAL EXPOSITION
THAT SOME RADIOACTIVE PRODUCTS WOULD CROSS BORDER IS
CONSISTENT WITH US ASSESSMENT AS STATED ON JUNE 13
("US STUDIES INDICATE . . . ", SEE MOSCOW 8247);

(D) POINT OUT THAT IZRAEL'S CONCLUSION THAT LTBT
WOULD BE "PRESERVED" (IZRAEL DID NOT SAY "OBSERVED")
INVOLVED QUALIFICATION OF CENTRAL LTBT OBLIGATION
(WHERE NO QUALIFICATION EXISTS IN LTBT TEXT) SO AS TO
PERMIT PNE EXCAVATIONS THAT WOULD CAUSE RADIOACTIVE
DEBRIS TO BE PRESENT OUTSIDE NATIONAL BOUNDARIES OF
STATE IN WHICH EXPLOSION TAKES PLACE, AND CHARACTERIZE
THIS AS CONCLUSION US DOES NOT SHARE;

(E) REPEAT LANGUAGE OF FINAL SUBSTANTIVE PARA OF
MOSCOW 9526; AND

(F) INVITE FURTHER SOVIET COMMENTS.

5. ARE THERE ANY ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS THAT
WASHINGTON WISHES DELEGATION TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT?

6. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP; NO LATER THAN NOON SATURDAY,
MOSCOW TIME, JULY 26.
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